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The following are the By-Laws and Rules of Order of the Board of Delegates of the San Francisco Fire Department:—

LAW.
At the Stated Meetings of the Board, the Order of Business shall be:—
1st—Roll call and collection of fines.
2d—Reception of new members.
3d—Reading minutes of last meeting.
4th—Reports of Committees.
5th—Unfinished Business.
6th—New Business.

LAW II.
The President shall take the Chair precisely at the hour specified in the call; and if a quorum be present, proceed with the business of the meeting. He shall preserve order and decorum; may speak to points of order in preference to other members, rising from his seat for that purpose; and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Board by any two members, on which appeal no member shall speak more than once, unless by leave of the Board. The President must rise to put a question, but may state it sitting. He may appoint Committees of three or more, by consent of the Board. When any member is about to speak or deliver any matter to the Board, he shall rise from his seat, and respectfully address himself to the President, and shall confine himself to the question under debate, and avoid personality.

LAW III.
If a member be called to order, he shall immediately sit down, unless permitted to explain; and the Board shall, if appealed to, decide on the case, without debate. If there be no appeal, the decision of the Chair shall be submitted to. If the decision be in favor of the member called to order, he shall be at liberty to proceed; if otherwise, he shall not, in case any member object, without leave of the Board.

LAW IV.
When two or more members happen to rise at once, the President shall name the member who is to speak first.

LAW V.
No member shall speak more than once on the same question, without leave of the Board, unless he be the mover, proposer or introducer of the matter pending; in which case he shall be permitted to speak in reply, but not until every member choosing to speak shall have done so.

LAW VI.
If a question pending be lost by adjournment of the Board, and revived at the next meeting, no member who shall have spoken on it at the first meeting, shall be permitted again to speak, without leave of the Board.

LAW VII.
While the President is putting any question, or a member is speaking, no member shall walk out of, or across the room, nor entertain private discourse, nor pass between the speaker and the Chair.

LAW VIII.
No member shall vote on any question in the issue of which he is immediately and particularly interested.

LAW IX.
Every member, when a question is put, shall give his vote, unless the Board, for special reasons, excuse him, which question shall be decided without debate. A motion to excuse can only be made before the house divides, or before the call of the ayes and nays is commenced.

LAW X.
When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be stated by the Chair; or being in writing, it shall be handed to the Chair, and read aloud by the Secretary, before debate.

LAW XI.
Every motion shall be reduced to writing, if the Chair or any member desire it. A motion may be withdrawn by consent of the Board, before a decision or amendment.

LAW XII.
When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, but to adjourn, to lie on the table, for the previous question, to postpone to a certain day, to commit or amend, to postpone indefinitely—which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are arranged, and no motion to postpone a certain day, to commit, or postpone indefinitely, being decided, shall again be allowed at the same meeting, or at the same stage of the question.

LAW XIII.
A motion to adjourn, and a motion to fix the day to which the Board shall adjourn, shall be always in order. These motions, and the motions to lie on the table, and the previous question, shall be decided without debate. All incidental questions of order arising after a motion is made for the previous question, and pending such motion, shall be decided, whether on appeal or otherwise, without debate.

LAW XIV.
A question may be divided, if it comprehends propositions in substance so distinct, that one being taken away, a substantive proposition shall remain for the decision of the Board. A motion to strike out and insert, shall be deemed indivisible; but a motion to strike out being lost, shall preclude neither amendment nor a motion to strike out and insert.

LAW XV.
No motion or proposition on a subject different from that under consideration, shall be admitted under color of amendment.

LAW XVI.
A motion to reconsider must be made at the same or the next meeting, and by a member who voted in the majority; and such motion shall take precedence of all other questions, except a motion to adjourn.

LAW XVII.
When the reading of a paper is called for, and the same is objected to by any member, it shall be determined by a vote of the Board.

LAW XVIII.
Upon calls of the house, or in taking the ayes and nays on any question, the names of the members shall be called in the order of the number of their respective Companies.

LAW XIX.
Any member may excuse himself from serving on any Committee at the time of his appointment, if he is then a member of two other Committees.

LAW XX.
In all cases of election by the Board, the vote shall be taken viva voce.

LAW XXI.
In filling up blanks, the largest sum and the longest time shall be first put.

LAW XXII.
The ayes and nays shall be ordered at the request of four members.

LAW XXIII.
When it has been voted to lay a motion on the table, it can only be taken up at the same meeting by the consent of two thirds of the members present.

LAW XXIV.
All questions of order not herein stated, shall be decided in accordance with the Rules and Orders of the House of Representatives of the United States, as contained in Jefferson's Manual.

XXV.
Any section of the foregoing rules and orders may be suspended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, but such suspension is not to go beyond the meeting.

From the May No. of Godey's Magazine.
MRS. DAFFODIL AT THE OPERA.

At an early hour our party, Mr. and Mrs. S., George and myself, started to call for Mrs. Daffodil. As it was a warm, pleasant evening, we concluded to walk. Mrs. Daffodil and Euphrosyne were quite ready; and indeed, from what we learned, had been waiting an hour or two for us. Major Clapperton offered his arm to Mrs. S., Mr. S. took Euphrosyne, George gallanted the widow, and I was left to Pete. The major most politely offered me his other arm, but I preferred my juvenile escort, as it afforded an excuse to walk beside Mrs. Daffodil.

"I've got my best dress on," said the old lady to me, as we started. "It's one my poor, dear Daffodil gave me just after we were married; but Ninny wore her white dress, and rose buds in her hair, so I put it on."

Even this explanation did not prepare me for the sight which I beheld when Mrs. Daffodil threw off her shawl on entering the Theatre. Her dress consisted of a bright yellow silk, made in the time of departed Daffodil's youth. It was extremely short waisted, had large leg-o'-mutton sleeves, and to add to the effect, the trimming was pale green. A large collar covering her shoulders, was fastened at the throat by a green bow, in the middle of which a cheap breast-pin sparkled. Her cap was trimmed with a profusion of green and yellow ribbons, and so covered with artificial flowers that the lace was completely obscured. The look of mortification visible on the major's face, showed that he was totally unprepared for such a display of antiquity. Ninny, who sat next her mother, looked quite pretty in her white dress, with a few rose buds in her fair hair. Pete, who sat behind with the major, wore a gray blouse, with a large linen collar, fastened by a huge crimson bow. His hair was fancifully arranged, probably by Peter Smith, the village barber; it hung in long lank tresses round his head.

"I do so like a theatre," said Mrs. Daffodil; it's so light, with the chandeliers suspended all around, and the seats is so easy here, too. I never was at a theatre but once before, when I went to see the 'of course I can, brother.'—The little gal remembers."

I assented, for I had a very lively recollection of the occasion.

The overture commencing at this moment, the old lady was silent until the first scene was over. "I can't make out a word they're saying," she said, as Orsini finished "Nella fatal." "What are they making such a noise about?" she continued, as thunders of applause greeted the "divine Sontag." "Who's the black woman with her face covered up?"

"That is Sontag—Lucrezia Borgia," said George, "and the applause is to let her know how glad we are to see her."

"Oh, that's the uproar part, I suppose!" said she.

Again she was all attention until Lucrezia kisses Gennaro as he lies asleep.

"Well I declare!" she cried, "that young woman ought to be ashamed to be kissing that man right before a whole theatre full of people looking at her. No wonder she covers her face up, if that's the way she carries on."

Quiet again, until the return of Orsini and his companions.

"What is the little boy so mad about?" she asked. "How they all holler at her. It's another uproar, ain't it?"

"They are reminding her of dreadful crimes she was believed to have committed," said George. "She was supposed to have poisoned many of their relatives."

"Poisoned!" said the horrified old lady; "the murdering witch. I wish she'd take that thing off her face. Why," she cried, as Orsini snatched the mask from Lucrezia's face, "the little fellow heard me. Thank you, my little man," she continued, in a voice so loud as to attract several glances at our box as the curtain fell.

"Sister, you make yourself ridiculous," said the major, with a very marked expression of contempt on his face.

"Gracious, how contemptible you look!" said Mrs. Daffodil. "I didn't mean no harm, I'm sure."

"How are you pleased?" I asked, willing to turn the conversation.

"Well, the dresses is very pretty, except the black woman. But I'd like to see my Pete rigged out like that little fellow in the play. I wish they'd talk it, though, it would be easier for them, and a heap better to understand. I can't make nothing of the gibberish they sing."

"And be deprived of those strains of seraphic melody which now greet our enraptured ears?" sighed the fair Euphrosyne.

"My ears ain't wrapped up!" said her mother; "and I wish you'd talk English. You are as puzzling as the play actor fellows. What are you going to do with them flowers?" she said, pointing to a bouquet the major was handing to Mrs. S.

"They are for Lucrezia," said Mrs. S.

"What, the black pizenning woman! Well, if that ain't the discouragement of vice and immortality! Major, I'm ashamed of you to reward her evil deeds."

"Hush," whispered Euphrosyne, as the curtain rose on the second act.

"That is Lucrezia's husband, the Duke Alphonso," said I, as Badioli entered.

"She's a married woman," said the old lady, "and carrying on as she does! Sakes alive! what is he pulling off the letters for?" was her next query, as Gennaro struck the B from Borgia.

"He wishes to insult Lucrezia," said George, "and so defaces the name on the door."

"Just like Joe Smith and I," said Pete, leaning forwards. "We was out one night, and had a jolly good time, pulling down signs and ringing bells. We put Dr. Comfort's sign over the tavern, and Taddy's 'liquor sold here' over Mr. Jenks, the temperance preacher; and stuck the barber's pole in Miss Prim's candy-shop window, and Jimmy Doolittle the cobbler's sign, over the bricklayer's door; and we rung Mr. Makewell's night bell till he came down in a fine rage, and then we run off. Wer'n't it fun. Didn't ma wallow me, though?"

"What's the juke scolding his wife for?" said Mrs. Daffodil, who had been gazing with puzzled attention on the stage. "There's that young man Juneairo, again. That's the row, is it? Give it to her, juke, she deserves it," she cried.

"Hold your tongue, sister," said the Major. "You make too much noise."

"Oh, they want all the uproar to themselves, I suppose. There, everybody in the house is making a noise," she said triumphantly, as the sovereign people testified their approval of the trio.

Again the curtain fell.

"Well, I can't see into it," said I Mrs. Daffodil.

"What was in the bottle she gave him?"

"An antidote for the poison the duke gave him, said I."

"The juke?" The young woman, you mean. Why the juke was as pleasant as could be."

"Nevertheless, it was the duke who poisoned him, and Lucrezia who saved his life."

"What did he pizen him for?"

"Because he suspected him of loving his wife."

"Well, he'd a heap better lock his wife up, and not let her go running about after fellers, than to pizen the poor young men when she catches them. Why, he was fast asleep when she kissed him; and just now she only waited till the juke was gone, and then she was right on her knees to him."

"She was imploring him to leave the duke's dominions."

"Well, I'm glad she sent him off."

Mrs. Daffodil listened with grave attention to the next act, which was increased to a frightened interest as the mysterious voices came from behind the curtain.

"Well, I declare," she cried, as Lucrezia again appeared, "if there ain't the black woman after the young man again! She don't let him have a minute's peace. What is she saying now?"

"She tells them they are all poisoned, in revenge for the insults they offered her, you remember, in the first act," said George.

"I remember. Gracious, the young man's going to kill her. She deserves it; but—no, he ain't!" she said with a sigh of relief, as Gennaro dropped the knife. "But what is she singing about now? There's the little bottle again."

"She's begging him to take the antidote again, and he refuses, because there is not enough for his companions."

"Has she pizen him again? Why, she must think he's got as many lives as a cat. Ain't he a powerful long time dying? There, he's dead.—No he ain't; he's up on his arm, singing away as loud as ever. There, he's down; and now he's up, at it again. Well, I hope his singing so in his last moments won't be taken into the count against him. He don't seem to know how to talk. Poor thing," she said, as Sontag's impassioned acting brought tears to her eyes. "I can't tell what she says; but she does seem to feel very bad. I declare, that man is as hard to kill as an eel. They're both singing now. How can she sing, if she feels so bad? There, he's dead now. There's the juke; what's she saying to him?"

"She is telling him that the young man is her son."

"Her son?"

"Yes, by a former marriage."

"Poor thing, how I pity her. I should feel dreadful if I'd pizen Pete."

"How did you like the music, Mrs. Daffodil?" asked Mr. S., as we left the theatre.

"I didn't notice it much, I was trying to find out what the furren talk was; I couldn't make much of it. I don't think I like that juke much. He really looked as if he liked it when sheswooned, after giving her son the anecdote."

"The harmonious strains of the seraph could scarcely afford more delightful pleasure than the dulcet notes of this exquisite cantatrice," said Euphrosyne.

"She wasn't a candytrees," said her mother; "her name was Loucaterer, if it's the black woman you're talking about."

"Do you admire the Italian school?" inquired George of Euphrosyne.

"She never went to it sir," said her mother. "She never went to no school but Miss Slithers' she went there for all the eddication she's got."

"All music is to me like a dream of the spheres of bliss," said Euphrosyne.

"Will you accompany us to Taylor's, Mrs. Daffodil?" asked Mr. S.

"Thank you," said she, "but I never buy anything at the tailor's; all Pete's clothes are made at home."

On being made to understand the nature of Taylor's establishment, she accepted Mr. S's in.

visitation, while the major apologized for her mistake.

"Shall I order some Charlotte Russe for you, Mrs. Daffodil?" asked George.

"No, I thank you," said the old lady, rather indignantly. "I ain't a cannibal, to be eating Charlottes or Susans either, for that matter."

She consented to partake of a cream and some cake, and at her door, wished us a very sleepy good-night, while her cordial "Thank you ma'am, I'm sure I'm very much obliged to you," sounded far more grateful to our ears than the polite, tedious apology the major thought necessary to add to his thanks, for what he termed his sister's eccentricities.

The Fireman's Journal.

MARCUS D. BORUCK, Editor.

SAN FRANCISCO:

SATURDAY MORNING, MAY 19, 1855.

On the 6th day of September last, the people of the city of San Francisco voluntarily taxed themselves to the amount of two hundred thousand dollars, for the purchasing of lots and building houses for the apparatus in the Fire Department, and yet up to this time, a period of nine months, which is generally conceded to be conception time, nothing definite has been brought forth in regard to the matter. It is true that, by the strenuous exertions of several of the members of the joint Fire and Water Committee, the lots for the various Companies were settled upon, and even the selection and appropriations for those has been attended with as much difficulty as if the money being appropriated came out of the pockets of the Common Council. An impression appears to have been created in the minds of many, that the delay occasioned in the selection of the lots was brought about by the fickle-mindedness of several of the Companies, who, although the right was given to them by the Fire and Water Committee to select their own lots, they failed to do so. That we deny. The only Companies which have occasioned any delay whatever, if delay it can be called, are Nos. 2, 4, 7 and 8, and the cause was perfectly just and proper. They had no more right to be made the battledores and shuttlecocks of the Department than any other Companies. But the lot question being definitely settled, we should like to know the reason and so would the community, and the Fire Department particularly, why Assistant Aldermen Piper and Cushman voted against the ordinance making a final appropriation of the money arising from the sale of the Fire Bonds? If personal feeling to the parties who drew up the ordinance prompted the gentlemen alluded to to vote as they did, they have committed a gross injustice upon the Fire Department; or if their action arose from motives of economy, they are equally at fault, for the reason that the amount called for in the ordinance has already been set apart by the people, and, in its final disposition would not add or retract a single iota to or from the popularity of either gentleman. In the Bond business the department have been, to use as mild a term as possible, 'relieved,' by some hocus pocus arrangement, of \$20,000 of the amount voted by the people, for the purpose of lurching brokers and speculators. Had, (as the Department desired) the Bonds been equally distributed among the Companies, the full amount would have been obtained, as moneyed men, friends of the different companies, stood ready to take the Bonds at par; but instead, \$20,000 was curtailed from the original sum, and even that which is left is begrudgingly portioned out to the several companies in the Department. We have all along been in favor of an equal distribution of the funds for the building of houses, but upon inquiry we find that it is not practicable, and for the reason that Pacific No. 8, and Pennsylvania No. 12, require a larger amount than any other engine companies, as the lot of the former is to be piled and capped, and that of the latter has to undergo large excavations preparatory to building. The Truck companies houses being of a much greater depth than the engine houses, require, as a matter of course, an increase of appropriation, therefore we think that the ordinance of Alderman Davidson is as acceptable as any that could be presented. We demand that the Fire Department, whose patience has already been abused by the unwarrantable delay in not giving them that which is their own, be no longer trifled with.—The money is their own, given to them by the people. The month of May is rapidly passing away, and unless the matter is disposed of at once, the rainy season will be again upon us, and the engines in the Department will be without proper shelter. If Alderman Cushman, who is a member of the Fire and Water Committee, has not a better knowledge of the wants of the Department, than he has evinced on several occasions, he should resign, and give place to some one better versed in the duties which he is called upon to perform.

Confidence Engine Company, No. 1, of Sacramento, intend visiting their brother firemen in this city, with their new and beautiful apparatus, on the 4th of July next. They will probably leave Sacramento on the morning of the 3d, arriving here in the evening. We bespeak for that company a whole-souled welcome from the firemen of this city. On more than one occasion, have individual members, and large portions of our organization, received those courtesies from the "Confidence Company," which gentlemen know so well how to extend. Every luxury and convenience which liberality could furnish, or the amenities of social life afford, have always been lavishly bestowed on those of us who have had the good fortune to meet them. During the late visit of the military to the Levee City, the "Confidence Company" were foremost in tendering to them a welcome, which for good taste and the opportune manner in which it was conceived, was rendered doubly attractive to the recipients thereof.

From conversations we have had with several of the Foremen of the Department, we believe that the most acceptable arrangement would be to render the visit of "Confidence Company," an affair in which the united Department could participate. Many reasons suggest themselves why such a course would be preferable. We therefore hope that the Foremen of the Companies in the Department, will assemble at their earliest convenience, and take such steps in the matter as will insure a reception to the "Confidence Company" worthy of them.

Considerable has been said in the daily papers and elsewhere, relative to Pacific Engine Co. No. 8 refusing to assist in pumping out the steamer "Senator" on Tuesday evening last. The "Daily Citizen" asks, "can such things be?" and we answer, by saying that they can. It is no more to be expected that an Engine Company in the San Francisco Fire Department can be used for any other purpose than that it was originally intended for, than that the Daily Citizen's compositor should re-set all the "pi" which may befall the newspaper press generally in the city. The members of Pacific 8 are all working men, mechanics, laboring hard all the day, but are willing voluntarily to give their aid in extinguishment of fires, and saving life and property at all times. Further than that, they recognize no other duty, except that which every good citizen is willing to perform, an obedience to the laws of the land. Pacific 8 had the right to make any arrangement they saw fit, for doing a work out of their legitimate sphere. As to the policy of demanding pay, it is a matter in which the company alone is interested. It has been urged that the engine being city property, it could have been used for the purpose spoken of—granted.—But the Chief Engineer would never have ordered 8's company to work her, for the simple reason that he has not the power so to do; and if the engine had been placed in service without the consent of the Foreman, it would have led to results in the Department, which, in importance, the value of the "Senator" would weigh but as a feather in comparison.

MR. EDITOR:—An article appeared in the Chronicle of Wednesday last, relative to the disaster of the steamer "Senator," in which allusion was made to Pacific 8 refusing to give any assistance to free the boat from water. In behalf of the company allow me to state that we are an organized Fire Company, for the extinguishment of fires, and not for the purpose of pumping out leaky steamboats. In the same article, it was stated "that another company, who believe in saving property, whether threatened by water or fire, arrived at the boat with their powerful machine, and went to work without asking any questions." On the same principle, the company alluded to could be at work during the whole rainy season, pumping out leaky cellars. If the citizens expect that whenever their ships, steamboats or cellars spring a leak, that the Department should pump them out, they should let the members know it, so that they might be aware of what is really looked for from them. It was stated that the other company went to work without asking any questions. That is all very well, but in consequence of not being able to find the engine, she being on board the "Senator," instead of being at the fire in the Second District, the alarm for which had sounded, I did not get to the boat in time to hear any of the questions which passed, if there were any. When I arrived I did not like to see the engine on board, for every one knows from past experience, that no time is to be lost in getting to a fire in this city. As regards the reason for not working "being best known to the company," they had none, as Capt. Poole is aware. It was represented to me that the Captain refused to pay fifty dollars per hour for the work of the men, they numbering about fifty, every one of whom would have been required to work the engine and relieve each other.—The Captain being excited, thought the price too much, and using an oath, said he would not give it, and that we might go on shore with our engine. The Company, as is stated, was not requested to come to the aid of the "Senator," not a member being consulted upon the matter.—Some persons, however, not belonging to the Company, supposed to have come from the "Senator," rolled the engine and rang the bell, saying that the "Senator" was on fire, which was false, and the Company would be pleased to know who took such an unwarrantable liberty with their property, so that they could punish them for violating the ordinance which expressly provides for such cases. Yours Respectfully,

CORNELIUS WALSH
San Francisco, May 18, '55. Foreman Pacific 8.

LIST OF FIRES AND ALARMS DURING THE WEEK.

May 15th, 6 1/2 P. M.—Hall Bell alarm. Dense smoke arising in the neighborhood of Green and Lowell streets. Whole Department on the ground. No fire; smoke from a Bakery.

May 17th, 11 1/4 A. M.—Hall Bell alarm. Bakery on Clay street, above Powell. No damage. All the Department out.

May 17th, 10 P. M.—Corner Centre and Dolores streets, Mission. Frame building; partially destroyed. No. 13 had the first water.

May 18th, 4 1/2 A. M.—Alarm from California bell. Fire broke out in the rear of two story frame building, seventy-five feet west of Davis street, on Sacramento. In a very few minutes after the alarm was sounded, the fire had extended through to Commercial street, and had enveloped the buildings on both corners of Davis street. The various apparatus in the Department were quickly on the ground, and proceeded to take positions for successfully combatting the flames. Empire Engine 1, took suction at the cistern corner of Commercial and Battery streets, playing a well directed stream on the buildings to the rear of those on Sacramento street, all of which were burning fiercely. Manhattan 2 taking water from the Bay, at the corner of Sacramento and Davis sts., gave a supply to No. 5, which assisted materially in checking the fire from communicating to the brick building on the opposite side of Sacramento street. Howard 3 took suction from the Bay, and did thorough execution on the fire; afterwards Howard gave water to Volunteer 7, the members of which company worked with a will. California 4, took suction from the Bay, and directed a stream of water on the buildings at the corner of Davis and Sacramento. They afterwards were ordered to the cistern at the corner of Commercial and Battery, supplying Pacific 8, through 450 feet of hose; this cistern becoming exhausted, No. 4 repaired to the cistern at the corner of Sansome and Sacramento streets, still supplying No. 8, and continued to do so until ordered to take up. Knickerbocker 5, first took suction from the Bay, at the corner of Davis and Sacramento streets, and performed most noble duty; after which she was supplied by Manhattan 2. Monumental 6 was first stationed at the corner of Drumm and Sacramento sts., playing well upon the buildings on Sacramento street, after which she was supplied by Vigilant 9; the former taking a station at the corner of Davis and Commercial streets, forcing water upon the fire through 900 feet of hose.—Volunteer 7 took suction from the Bay, working at the fire at the centre of the block; and was afterwards supplied by No. 3, and worked with admirable effect. Pacific 8 first took suction from the Bay, opposite Hillman's Hotel, playing upon the buildings on Long Wharf; after which she was supplied by No. 4, and kept up a well directed stream upon the fire, at Sacramento street.—Vigilant 9 also took suction at Hillman's, playing upon the fire at Long Wharf, and afterwards supplied No. 6; they acted well. Crescent 10 took suction from the cistern at the corner of Commercial and Battery streets, forcing an excellent and effective stream upon the fire on Commercial street side. Columbian 11 took suction from the Bay, and worked upon the fire until her valves broke, when another apparatus was put in use by the company. Pennsylvania 12 took suction from the Bay at Hillman's, keeping the same position throughout the whole scene, forcing a good stream upon the fire, through 800 feet of hose.—Young America 13, came from the Mission, ready to work, but did not get in service; the will was taken for the deed.

Hook and Ladder Companies St. Francis 1, Lafayette 2, and Sansome 3, were stationed at all points where their services could be used to the best advantage; and most faithfully did they perform their duty. The entire block of buildings bounded by Sacramento, Commercial, Front and Davis streets, were consumed. It appeared as if the whole row was saturated with turpentine or camphene, so rapidly did the flames spread. Directly in front of the building at the corner of Davis street, on Sacramento, were stored about 100 barrels of tar, which served to render the heat so intense that the firemen could scarcely approach.

The buildings destroyed were all frame, and almost all of them on Sacramento street had been unoccupied for the space of nine months, and had received the name of 'Rotten Row.' The buildings on the south side of the same street were of brick, but their blackened appearance after the fire, showed the ordeal they had passed through. The Benicia stone copings of the buildings cracked, split and fell off like scales; the appraiser's stores, the building of Messrs. Truett, and those of Whiting & Co., Owner, Sickles & Taylor, and P. A. Owens contained goods valued at \$1,500,000—not a dollar on which was injured. In front of these No. 5's pipemen made a stand, and, covered with blankets, battled like heroes to save the property, and were successful. Mr. Jno. Berdan, who held the pipe, did wonders, under-

going a labor almost beyond human endurance; he was very badly burned, as was also foreman Buckingham; the block of buildings on Commercial street, opposite the fire, were saved; several of their fronts, however, being badly charred. The whole value of property destroyed will not exceed \$15,000; the Chief Engineer having made a careful survey of the premises, and from information sets the loss down as above. The fire was the hottest the Department has had to contend with since the Clay street fire. Mr. Law, a member of H. & L. 3 had his shoulder dislocated by the roof of one of the buildings falling on him; Mr. Lees, foreman of California 4, met with a most painful accident; while guiding the hose of his company into the fire, the St. Francis members were passing with one of their ladders; the iron spike at the bottom coming in contact with Mr. L's body, he threw up his hand to ward it off, when the spike entered the centre of his right hand, forcing itself through. Mr. Lees, although suffering severely from the wound, did not leave the fire until it was extinguished. When this accident occurred, the pipemen of No. 4, not receiving an order from the foreman in time, lost three lengths of hose, destroyed by the heat while the water was in it.

The tide being low, the firemen were put to great inconvenience. Capt. Cowan, the water contractor, had his teams hard at work during the fire, supplying cisterns from which the different engines were drafting. Knickerbocker 5 claimed the first, and California 4 the second water. We cannot close this without according to Chief Duane and Assistants Free and Capprise great credit for the judicious manner in which they performed their respective duties. The whole Department worked like one man, and we can assure them that as long as their organization exists, as it did on this occasion,

Not a leaf
Will fall from their laurel wreath.

LETTER FROM SACRAMENTO.

SACRAMENTO, May 16th, 1855.

According to promise, I send you what little matters of interest there are that would be acceptable to your readers, in our Department.

Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1 received a complimentary benefit from the generous managers of our Theatre, Messrs. King & Venue, on Saturday evening last. The house was crowded to its utmost capacity, in honor to the Pioneer Fire Company of the state. It is reported that the net proceeds were about \$700. Miss Estelle Potter and Mr. Warwick, with their usual liberality, kindly volunteered. Miss Potter has many warm friends in Sacramento, and I doubt not, should she accept a complimentary benefit, 'er she leaves, the Firemen would respond to her call with a bumper. Our firemen are making preparations for their first annual parade, to take place on the 4th of June next. It is said that the Yuba Engine Co. No. 2, of Marysville, and Protection Hook and Ladder, No. 1, of Placerville, intend visiting our city on that day.

There has been quite a feeling in the Department, owing to the resolution of inquiry, presented by Ald. Meeker, to ascertain to what purpose the different companies appropriated the scanty sum of \$50 quarterly, allowed them by the Council; and also to cut down the Chief Engineer's salary to \$600. It was to have been reported on last Monday evening, but Messrs. Hardy and Meeker wisely let the matter rest as it is.—It is regretted by the whole Department that they did not carry out their laudable purpose, as it is a question of doubt whether the city has any claim on their houses and apparatus. Many of our firemen thought the former Council illiberal, but to compare them to our present, would be worse than sacrilege. We have a K. N. Council in every sense of the word.

The members of Eureka Engine Co. No. 4, last Monday evening elected the following officers unanimously: W. Jones, Foreman, Jacob Greenebaum, 1st Assistant, vice R. N. Wilcox, resigned; Phillips, 2d Assistant, vice Greenebaum, promoted. They also, as rumor says, instructed their delegates to vote for requesting the Council to dispense with the services of a City Steward and Assistant, and donate their salaries to the different companies. This is a step that each and every company should take, and it will be their own fault if they do not carry out their wishes, for there has been great dissatisfaction in the Department on that account. It is but right that each company should take charge of their own apparatus. Sacramento is the only exception to this rule in the Union. I don't know but that a Steward would answer best in a country village, where the sexton kept the key of the engine house; but in our thriving city, our Council will find that their hose will be in better order, and will last twice as long by being well cared for, by those who take an interest in their machines. It is time that our worthy Chief should take this matter in hand, and not be blind to the true interest of the Department.

The dispatch stating that the Sutter claim had been confirmed, received here yesterday afternoon, caused quite a panic among the squatters; their sober, sorrowful faces, as they flit about the streets, contrast with those that can boast of the genuine Sutter.

I shall keep you posted in the affairs of our Department from time to time.

PLAIN TALK.

The "Daily Citizen" newspaper, made its first appearance on Tuesday last; announcing itself as independent, the mouth-piece of no clique, sect or faction. "Long may it wave."

COOL.—To take a man's hat with his name written in it, simply because you want to get his autograph.

THEATRICAL.

The American has been well attended this week, the attractions having been sterling comedy, excellent drama and entertaining extravaganza. Miss Keene is nightly welcomed with flattering applause, and she has never appeared to better advantage, or been more ably sustained than during her present engagement. We cannot say, however, that it pleases us to see Miss K. in such a character as 'Smike' in 'Nicholas Nicolby'—we do not like to see a handsome, talented young lady so transformed to a perfect antipodes of herself. Mrs. Thoman, Mrs. Judah and Miss Gould continue to receive their share of commendation and have made themselves such favorites that no others could satisfactorily fill their places. The fascinating Miss Emma Baker, (from the wilds of Kentucky, and not yet fourteen years of age,) appears each night between the pieces, in pleasing dances, which meet with such approbation that she is always compelled to repeat them.

To-night the whole strength of the company will appear—the pieces selected are such as cannot fail to command a full auditory.

The Metropolitan was reopened on Monday night under the most favorable auspices, with the Rousset Sisters, Mons. Corby, and a full and very efficient ballet troupe. The sisters have greatly improved since they were with us last, particularly Mlle. Caroline, who may truly be considered a danseuse of the first class. The eccentric, amusing and droll Mons. Corby, is irresistible in his comic dances, and has the faculty of keeping the audience in a continual fit of laughter while he is on the stage. The gorgeous ballets of 'Sathaniel' and 'La Sylphide' have been brought forward, and at each representation the house has been crowded, reminding us of the former prosperous days of the Metropolitan. A number of new ballets are soon to be produced, and we may therefore expect to see the theatre well filled each night for some time to come.

FROM ABROAD.

Annual Report of the Board of Fire Wardens of the City of New York.	
Whole number of complaints of violations of the Fire Laws made to the Board since May, 1850, to April, 1855.	2,421
Number of buildings from which violations have been removed, on buildings being notified by Fire wardens.	1,814
Number of violations not removed, and copies of the notices transferred to Trustees of the Fire Department.	283
Number of buildings examined by Wardens, against which complaints have been made, and the complaints dismissed, as no violation could be found.	324
Total.	2,421
Quantity of gunpowder seized by Wardens, from May, 1850, to April, 1855, 1,116 kegs, and 40 boxes, containing, pounds.	28,025
Number of buildings examined by Wardens, and reported to the Chief Engineer as dangerous.	212
During the past year the whole number of violations has been,	
Those removed,	496
Not removed,	33
Buildings found no violation,	143
Gunpowder seized, pounds.	2,500
Unsafe buildings reported,	66

New York.—On the 11th of April, Messrs. Lewis C. Meeks, Floyd S. Gregg, Robert B. Sanderson and Charles L. Merritt, were elected Fire Wardens of the city of New York.

At the annual meeting of Lady Washington Engine Company, No. 40, held on Monday evening, April 9, 1855, the following gentlemen were unanimously elected officers for the ensuing year: Wm. Meehan, foreman; Wm. Hayward, assistant foreman; George D. Sharp, treasurer; Patrick H. McAvoy, secretary; Robert Gamble and Edward A. Davin, representatives.

At the annual meeting of Jackson Hose Company No. 13, held on Monday evening, April 21, 1855, the following gentlemen were elected officers for the ensuing year: Isaac Mills, foreman; Andrew Gore, ass't foreman; Stephen Rallick, secretary; J. H. Blake, treasurer; Stephen Hallick and J. H. Blake, representatives; J. Doty, steward.

BROOKLYN.—There are 594 men enrolled as members of the Fire Department in the Eastern District of Brooklyn. The number allowed by law is 1,000.

Boston.—The steam fire engine in Boston is quietly stowed away in a stable, the authorities not having put it to work yet.

UNITED STATES.—Conflagrations continue to sweep away property from this country at a rate exceeding one million dollars per month. The record for March shows no diminution from this sum. The New York Journal of Commerce has a table showing that during the past month there were forty-one fires in the United States which destroyed property valued at \$1,008,000. This does not include the losses by the recent fires in the woods at the South. The loss by fires during the last three months is put down at \$3,882,000.

LONDON.—The Chief Engineer of the London Fire Department was killed at a recent fire in that city, which destroyed the large manufacturing establishment of Moreton & Sons. He had become involved in the lanes of a court at the rear of the fire, and while crossing the court to seek an egress the walls fell and crushed him.

Lord Erskin was a printer! Franklin was a printer! Beranger, the French poet, was a printer! Thiers, the French historian, was a printer!

A wag observes that he looks under the marriage head for the news of "weak."

We are under many obligations to Mr. E. T. Batturs, Foreman of Pennsylvania, No. 12, for a copy of the Twentieth Annual Report of the Trustees of the Philadelphia Association for the relief of disabled Firemen; a document containing much valuable information. Also, to Mr. R. B. Quayle, of the same company, for other favors.

The cistern at the corner of Mission and Anthony streets, has been put in thorough order and is now ready for service in case of fire in the section of the city.

A man named Pace, has a watch and clock store on Battery street near Pacific; showing conclusively that there is in this fast country one who keeps pace with time.

A Yankee gentleman, conveying a British gentleman around to view the different objects of attraction in the city of Boston, brought him to Bunker Hill. The ystoid looking at the splendid haft, when the Yankee said, "This is the spot where Warren fell."

'Ah,' replied the Englishman, evidently not posted up in local historical matters, 'did it hurt him much?'

The native looked at him with an expression of fourteen 4th of Julys in his countenance.

'Hurt him!' exclaimed he, 'he was killed, sir.' 'Ah, he was, eh?' said the stranger, still eyeing the monument, layer by layer. 'Well, I should think he would have been, to fall so far.'

One of the deacons in Edward Doy's church asked him if he usually kissed the bride at weddings.

'Always,' was the reply.

'And how do you manage when the happy pair are negroes?' was the deacon's next question.

'In all such cases,' replied Mr. Doy, 'the duty of kissing is appointed to the deacons.'

CINCINNATI.—A new steam fire engine, patented by Mr. Abel Shank, was tested at Cincinnati recently. From the time the fire was applied to her boilers, she commenced throwing a stream in thirteen minutes and forty-five seconds. The maximum distance thrown was two hundred and thirty feet, through an inch and three-eighths nozzle. The crowning triumph was that of throwing an immense stream of water entirely over the tower on the top of Mechanics' Institute, a feat which has never before been accomplished by any engine.

The secret of some men's attractions might be safely told to all the world; for under any other management but that of the possessor, they would cease to attract. Those attempting to imitate them would find they had got the fiddle, but not the fiddle-stick.

Some crusty, rusty, fusty, lousy, dusty, gusty curmudgeon of a man, gave the following toast at a celebration: "Our fire engines—May they be like our old maids—ever ready, never wanted."

Mrs. Partington says there must be some sort of kin between poets and pullets, for they are always chanting their lays.

Remember, ye who ridicule a young man for his parsimony, that by and by he can be generous, when you have nothing to give.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Fire Department.—The undersigned request the President of the Board of Delegates to call a special meeting of the same as soon as possible, for the purpose of investigating the disposition that has been made of the funds arising from the Fire Bonds.

FLORENCE MAHONY, J. B. MOORE,
GEO. H. HOSSEPOSS, R. H. SINTON,
M. D. BORNICK,
San Francisco, May 17, 1855.

BOARD OF DELEGATES.—A special meeting of the Board of Delegates will be held at their chambers in the City Hall on this (Saturday) evening, May 19th, at 7 o'clock, in accordance with the above request.

By order, F. L. JONES, President,
MARCUS D. BORNICK, Sec'y.

Fireman's Cemetery.—The committee appointed by the Board of Delegates in reference to the above, are requested to meet in the Chambers of the Board, on this [Saturday] afternoon at 3 o'clock.

W. M. T. HOFFMAN, Chairman.

NOTICE.

The undersigned respectfully inform the various Companies composing the Department, that they are prepared to supply them with all manner of blanks requisite for company purposes, at the most reasonable rates. They have also prepared a specimen Registry Book, which they would be pleased to exhibit to the officers of the various Companies.

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What the Young Man saw in Broadway.

I stood on the steps of the ASTOR,
And gazed at the living tide
Of vehicles down the middle,
And people up either side.

And I saw a maid who was 'pumpkins'
In a shawl of real Cashmere;
Jump down from the step of a carriage,
While her robe 'got caught' in the rear.

Oh! the robe was of more antique,
(A very expensive 'rag';)
But a skirt peeped out below it,
And that was a coffee-bag.

I knew it had once held coffee,
Though now 't was another thing;
For on it was 'First Old Java,'
Y-marked in store-black-ink.

And I thought as she gained the side-walk,
And the 'muslin' again was furled;
How much those heart-thrills in skirts
Were like man's heart in the world.

How many a Pharisee humbug
Plays a life-long game of brag;
His words all silk and velvet,
And his heart but a coffee-bag!

And I turned me into the Astor,
For my heart was beginning to sink,
And I told the tale to my brother,
And it rung him in for a drink.

It rung him in for cock-tails,
And then to myself I confessed,
When I thought how I came by the 'ardent,'
That I was as bad as the rest.

In the town of West Hartford, Ct., is a family of Seldens, comprising eight brothers and two sisters, whose united ages are about eight hundred years—the youngest being seventy and the oldest ninety years of age. A few years ago, the members of the family met together at the old homestead, and sang the good old tunes which their father and mother sang ninety years ago.

The New England Female Medical College has just closed its sixth year. The institution now seems firmly established.

The new railroad suspension bridge across the Niagara River will be open for public use this month, May.

The seventeen-year locusts will make their appearance this year in portions of Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia and Kentucky.

The model of the Collins steamer, to be built, has been agreed upon, and she is to be of greater capacity than any American steamer afloat, and will be expected to cross the Atlantic in nine days.

Lieut. Maury, who seems to be doing more than any other scientific man in the United States, if not in the world, for the practical advancement of the race, has just published a book, entitled the "Physical Geography of the Sea," which will be read by all classes of society.

Professor Mapes states that nine-tenths of the oil sold as olive oil in this country, is manufactured in France, from American lard oil, which is purified by soda. The oil thus obtained is sweet and pure, excellent for oiling fine machinery, and for making pomade for the hair.—It is undistinguishable by most persons from the olive as a table oil.

Upon the post mortem examination of the body of Poole, who was recently killed in New York, it was ascertained that the ball entered the breast between the fifth and sixth ribs, perforating the wall of the chest, extending through the pericardium, and was found buried in the centre of the heart!

The Jewetts, descended from Joseph and Maximilian Jewett, who came from England in 1638, and settled in Rowley, Mass., are to meet in that ancient town on the 14th of June.

The Seminole hunting-grounds among the Florida everglades, are about being explored by United States troops, under command of Lieut. Col. Monroe.

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WILLIAM M. HIXON,
UPHOLSTERY, PAPER HANGING,
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I am constantly receiving the latest styles of
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In its various branches promptly and personally attended to.
All orders for work or material, at the lowest rates.
Steamboats and Ship's Cabins, furnished with neatness and
despatch. Proprietors of Hotels and Saloons, will find it
to their advantage to call and examine my Stock before
purchasing elsewhere.

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Upholsterer and Paper Hanger,
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SALOON PAPER! SALOON PAPER!

Just received per clipper ships, Golden City, Aurora,
Gov. Morton, Waterwitch, and Boston Light; a
large assortment of superior Fresco, imitation wood
and marble panel papers, with borders; statuary and
centres to match. Also gilt and velvet landscape and
high colored saloon papers, with an endless variety of
Parlor, Chamber, Hall, and Ceiling Papers, for sale
at very low prices, wholesale and retail by,
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FRESH ARRIVALS!
PER SONORA.

LADIES' AND CHILDREN'S
Hosiery, Gloves, Vests, Drawers, and Dress Trim-
mings, the finest ever imported into this market.
Every lady is requested to call and examine our stock
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NORCROSS'
Ladies' Dress Trimming and Hosiery
EMPORIUM,
m5 NO. 144 SACRAMENTO STREET.

CALIFORNIA STEAM NAVIGATION CO.

Arrangements for January, 1855.
DEPARTURES FROM
VALLEJO ST. WHARF
FOR SACRAMENTO
VIA BENICIA.
....Daily, at 4 o'clock P. M....

Steamer NEW WORLD, SAMUEL SEYMOUR, Master;
Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays.

Steamer ANTELOPE, D. VAN PELT, Master;
Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

FOR MARYSVILLE,
VIA BENICIA.
....Daily, at 4 o'clock, P. M....

BY THE SACRAMENTO STEAMERS CONNECTING
with the Company's LIGHT DRAUGHT STEAMERS at Sacra-
mento.

FOR STOCKTON,
VIA MARTINEZ.
....Daily at 4 o'clock, P. M....

Steamer CORNELIA, E. CONCKLIN, Master, MONDAYS,
WEDNESDAYS, and FRIDAYS.
Steamer URILDA, CLARK, Master, TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS,
and SATURDAYS.

FOR COLUSA, RED BLUFFS,
AND INTERMEDIATE LANDINGS.
....Daily at 4 o'clock, P. M....

BY THE SACRAMENTO STEAMERS, CONNECTING
with the Company's Light Draught Steamers, which leave
Sacramento

Tuesdays Thursdays and Saturdays, at 12 o'clock, M.

Freight by the above Boats must be paid for on delivery.
For particulars apply at the office of the Company,
Jackson street, between Battery and Front, to
R. CHENEY, President.

Office of the California Steam Navigation Co.,
San Francisco, January 1, 1855. a7

PACIFIC EXPRESS COMPANY

THE LATE EMPLOYEES OF ADAMS & CO., IN CON-
sequence of the disruption of that firm, have organized
themselves into a

JOINT STOCK COMPANY,
under the above name and title, for the purpose of con-
ducting a GENERAL EXPRESS AND FORWARDING
BUSINESS in all its branches, throughout California, Oregon,
and the Pacific coast generally.

The business will be strictly and solely a forwarding one,
having no connection with Banks or Bankers, and will be
conducted on safe and economical principles.

The Expresses will leave the office, at the northwest cor-
ner of Washington and Montgomery streets, daily at regu-
lar hours for Sacramento and the Northern Mines, Stock-
ton and the Southern Mines, San Jose, San Juan, and San-
ta Cruz, Monterey, San Pedro, and the Southern Coast gen-
erally, as well as to the Northern Coast of California and to
Oregon. We will also run a Regular Express, for freight,
small parcels and letters, to and from the Atlantic States by
every steamer.

The parties who have organized this Company are well
known in the community as old and experienced Express-
men, and hope it will be acknowledged generally that they
understand their business thoroughly. They think they are
not saying too much when they attribute much of their suc-
cess of the late firm of Adams & Co. in the Express busi-
ness to their exertions and personal energies.

In conclusion, they would solicit a fair share of the favors
of the public, pledging themselves to exert their best ef-
forts to transact all business as may be entrusted to them
in a prompt and businesslike manner.

Collections of all kinds will be promptly attended to on
any of the points mentioned above.

a7 R. G. NOYES, President

Monarch Fire Assurance Co.,
OF LONDON.

Office of San Francisco Agency, 136 Califor-
nia Street.

CAPITAL AND SURPLUS FUND \$2,900,000
SPECIAL FUND - - - \$150,000.

[Held by Trustees in New York to meet Losses.]

DIRECTORS IN LONDON.
Alderman SIR JOHN MITCHELL, Bart. Chairman.
Alderman J. K. HOOPER, Deputy Chairman.

TRUSTEES IN NEW YORK
JOHN L. ASPINWALL, J. WATTS SHERMAN
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**POLICIES ISSUED AND LOSSES PROMPTLY SET-
TLED AT THIS AGENCY.**
Brick and Stone Buildings, Merchandise, Ships in Port,
Household Furniture and Personal Property generally,
insured on favorable terms. Insurance also effected on
Buildings and Merchandise in Sacramento, Marysville and
Stockton. a14 W. L. BAKER, Agent.

J. BERRY & CO.,
Manufacturers, and Importers of

**Carriages, Wagons, Carriage Materials
AND WAGON STOCK.**

Hook and Ladder Trucks, and Horse Carriages manufac-
tured and repaired in a neat and substantial manner.
Engines painted. N. B. Carriage-repairing in all its branches,
and executed in a manner that will give satisfaction to all
who favor us with their patronage. a7

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**GENTLEMEN'S FASHIONABLE
FURNISHING STORE.**

**103 Montgomery Street, between
SACRAMENTO AND CALIFORNIA.**
Largest size of all kinds of Gentlemen's Furnishing.
Gent's lately received a large assortment of fine shirts
also night shirts and drawers.
Genuine Alexander's Kid Gloves &c.
N. B. Particular attention paid to the fitting of customers
with the latest styles, which are received every steamer. a7

G. & W. SNOOK,

Tin, Copper, and Sheet-Iron Workers,

And dealers in Cooking, Parlor and Office Stoves, Parlor
Grates, Tin-Plate, Sheet Iron, Copper, Zinc, Banca Tin,
Lead, Solder, Rivets, Lift and Force Pumps, Lead Pipe,
Leather Hose, Copper Faucets, Stop-Cocks, Shovels, Spades,
Britania Ware, bright ware of all kinds, Japanese Ware,
and a full assortment of all kinds of Sheet Metal Ware.
Particular attention paid to JOBBING, of all kinds. Ship
and House Plumbing, Metal Roofing, &c. &c.
Washington street between Montgomery and Sansome. a7

WONDERFUL BARGAINS!

SELLING OFF AT TUCKER'S!
FORTY PER CENT. BELOW COST!
WATCHES, DIAMONDS, CHAINS, AND EVERYTHING IN THE SILVER
LINE, SILVER WARE, ETC. ETC. ETC.

OWING TO THE DEPRESSED STATE OF TRADE
at present I have determined to sell from \$20,000 to
\$30,000 worth of Jewelry at the above prices, rather than
to borrow money at exorbitant rates of interest. Holding
as I do a stock of FINE JEWELRY worth \$175,000 it
becomes necessary to find a market for some of it; and I am
willing to make a sacrifice on a small amount. This will
be the LAST CHANCE that you will ever have to purchase
such goods at such prices.

No 145 MONTGOMERY STREET.
J. W. TUCKER.
San Francisco, April 7, 1855.

**THE METROPOLITAN
HOMESTEAD
ASSOCIATION!!!**

CAPITAL, \$250,000,
Consisting of 50,000 Shares at \$5 Each!
Distribution in the month of May.

THE ABOVE ASSOCIATION, a Joint Stock Company
for the purpose of providing Homesteads, beg leave to
inform the public that

SHARES ARE NOW READY FOR SALE,
With a full description of property to be distributed—the
holders of Shares being entitled to chances in the disposi-
tion by lot of some of the most desirable Residences and
Improved Real Estate in the

CITY OF SAN FRANCISCO.

FIFTY MAGNIFICENT PRIZES.

The following is the list of prizes offered in the above
Association:

Prize 1.—That splendid Three-Story and Base-
ment BRICK DWELLING HOUSE and LOT, No. 3,
Waverly Place; lot 32 feet 1 inch front by 73 feet
deep; house 32 feet 1 inch by 45 feet deep, con-
taining 36 rooms; valued at \$30,000

2.—A two story BRICK DWELLING HOUSE
and LOT on Chestnut street, corner of Emma; 20
feet front by 58 feet deep. 5,000

3.—A splendid BRICK RESIDENCE and LOT on
the south-west corner of S. Jofford and 4 Washington
streets. Lot 21 feet front by 60 feet deep. 13,500

4.—A two story FRAME HOUSE, lathed
and plastered, and LOT on Dupont street. Lot 21 feet
front by 58 feet deep. 5,000

5.—LOT on Fillmore st. in the 50 vara lot No 790,
37 1/2 feet front by 137 1/2 feet deep, with COTTAGE thereon,
6.—Three story DWELLING HOUSE, (first story
of brick) and LOT, on the south-east corner of
Sand and Clay streets, fronting 28 ft on Clay, and 71 1/2 ft
on Sand st; house lathed and plastered, 7,000

7.—A two story and basement brick dwelling
HOUSE and LOT on the north side of Greenwich st,
commencing 200 feet west of the northwest cor.
of Dupont and Greenwich sts; 20 ft front by 90 deep, 6,500

8.—A two and a half story cottage HOUSE and
LOT on the south side of Bush st, between Stockton
and Powell, fronting 23 feet on Bush st, and 65 feet 6
inches deep; hard finished. 4,250

9.—A two story dwelling HOUSE and LOT on
Powell st, commencing 98 ft south of the southeast
cor. of Powell and Sutter; 39 ft front by 47 1/2 ft deep. 2,000

10.—An elegant two story and basement brick
dwelling HOUSE and LOT on Pacific street, com-
mencing 90 ft 6 in. west of the southwest corner of
Powell and Pacific, 23 ft front by 60 feet deep. 12,000

11.—A two story frame dwelling HOUSE and LOT
on the east side of Dupont street, between L. M. and
Greenwich; lot 40 feet front by 120 feet deep. 4,500

12.—A three story splendid dwelling HOUSE and
LOT on the north-east corner of Powell and Clay
streets, 20 ft front on Powell street, by 60 ft deep. 7,000

13.—A cottage HOUSE and LOT on the south side
of Union st, between Kearny and Dupont sts, 20 ft
front by 60 feet deep. 2,500

14.—A gented two story brick dwelling HOUSE
and LOT on the north side of Greenwich street,
commencing 100 feet west at the north-west corner
of Dupont and Greenwich, 20 ft front by 90 ft deep. 6,500

15.—A cottage HOUSE and LOT on Sutter street,
commencing 24 ft east of the south-east cor. of Pow-
ell and Sutter sts, 23 ft 6 in. front and 60 feet deep. 2,500

16.—A two story HOUSE and LOT on the east
side of Pike street, commencing 23 ft 9 inches north
of the northeast corner of Pike and Sacramento
sts, 23 ft 6 in. front by 36 ft 6 in. deep. 4,000

17.—A two story basement and brick dwelling
HOUSE and LOT, commencing 47 ft 6 in. north of
the north-east corner of Sacramento and Pike sts,
21 ft 3 inches front by 36 feet 6 inches deep. 8,500

18.—A cottage HOUSE and LOT on Broadway bet
Taylor and Jones sts, lot 23 ft 6 in. by 60 feet deep. 1,500

19.—A two story and basement HOUSE and LOT
on the south side of Vallejo street, bet. Kearny and
Dupont, 20 feet front by 60 feet deep. 3,000

20.—An elegant two story and basement brick
dwelling HOUSE and LOT on the south side of
Washington street, commencing 21 feet west of the
southwest corner of Spofford and Washington sts,
lot 20 feet six inches front by 60 feet deep. 12,000

21.—A cottage HOUSE and LOT on Powell street,
commencing 60 feet south of the southeast cor. of
Powell and Sutter sts; 20 ft front by 47 ft 6 in. deep. 1,500

22.—A three story splendid private RESIDENCE
and LOT on Powell st, commencing 20 feet north
of the north-east corner of Powell and Clay streets,
lot 20 feet front by 60 feet deep. 5,000

23.—A neat cottage HOUSE and LOT on Steven-
son street near Third; 20 ft front by 70 ft deep. 2,250

24.—A three story frame HOUSE and LOT on the
west side of Kearny st, bet. Broadway and Huckle-
ry sts, lathed and plastered, lot 23 ft 6 in. by 62 ft deep. 5,500

25.—A three story dwelling HOUSE and LOT,
(first story of brick) on the west side of Spofford st,
commencing 104 ft 6 in. south of the southwest cor.
of Spofford and Washington streets, 33 feet front by
61 feet 9 inches deep. 7,500

26.—Cottage HOUSE and LOT on the southwest
corner of Sacramento and Leavenworth sts; 37 1/2 ft
front by 56 feet deep. 2,000

27.—A two story brick HOUSE and LOT on the
south-east corner of Huckleberry street and Pinckney
Place, 22 feet front by 30 feet deep. 4,000

28.—A cottage HOUSE and LOT adjoining the
last on the East, 18 ft front on Huckleberry st, 30 ft deep. 1,500

29.—A cottage HOUSE and Lot, the same as the
last, on the East. 1,500

30.—A splendid two story and basement brick dwell-
ing HOUSE and LOT on Washington st, commencing
41 ft 6 in. west of the south west corner of Spof-
ford and Washington sts, fronting 20 ft 3 inches on
Washington st, by 60 feet deep. 12,000

31.—An elegant building LOT on Spofford street,
commencing 64 feet 6 inches south of the south-west
corner of Spofford and Washington sts, fronting 20
feet by 61 feet 9 inches deep. 2,500

32.—A LOT adjoining on the south, same dimen-
sions as the last. 2,500

33.—A splendid two story brick dwelling HOUSE
and LOT on the north side of Greenwich st, com-
mencing 80 feet west of the northwest corner of Du-
pont and Greenwich; lot 20 ft front by 90 ft deep. 6,500

34.—An elegant building LOT on the south-east
corner of Sutter and Powell sts, fronting 24 feet on
Sutter st by 60 feet on Powell st. 3,000

35.—A splendid building LOT on the east side of
Powell st, commencing 80 ft south of the south-east
cor. of Powell and Sutter sts, 18 ft front by 47 1/2 ft deep. 1,000

36.—A cottage HOUSE and LOT on S. Jofford st, bet.
Clay and Washington; lot 20 ft front by 60 ft deep. 1,000

37.—A two story HOUSE and LOT on east side
of Dupont street, between Pine and Bush, No 126;
lot 20 by 60 feet. 4,500

38.—A two story dwelling HOUSE and LOT on the
north side of Pacific street, between Dupont and
Stockton; lot 20 feet front by 65 feet deep. 4,500

39.—A splendid three story dwelling HOUSE and
LOT on the north-east corner of Sacramento and
Pike streets, 23 ft front by 36 ft 6 inches deep. 7,500

40.—A splendid two story and basement brick
dwelling HOUSE and LOT on Third street, between
Bryant and Harrison, 25 feet front by 75 feet deep. 8,000

41.—A cottage HOUSE and LOT on the south side
of Union st, between Mason and Powell, in 50 vara
lot No. 395; 20 feet by 75 feet and depth. 1,800

42.—A splendid building LOT on the southwest
corner of Washington and Priest sts, 31 ft on Wash-
ington st, by 37 ft 6 inches on Priest street. 1,000

43.—Cottage HOUSE and LOT on Mission st, 90 ft
east of the southeast corner of Johnson and Mission
streets, 25 feet by 160 feet. 1,500

44.—A splendid two story HOUSE and LOT in 50
vara lot No. 607, between Broadway and Pacific st,
23 feet by 133 feet 6 inches. 3,500

45.—A gented two story brick HOUSE and LOT
on Dupont street, commencing 131 ft 8 in. north of
the north-west corner of Dupont and Greenwich sts,
21 feet 8 inches by 80 feet in depth. 5,500

46.—A neat cottage HOUSE and LOT on the south
side of Union st, between Mason and Powell sts, in
50 vara lot No 395; 20 feet by 75 feet. 1,800

47.—A two story HOUSE and LOT on Priest st,
77 ft 6 inches south of the south-west corner of
Washington and Priest streets; 20 feet by 60 feet. 1,500

48.—A gented cottage HOUSE and LOT on the
south side of Union st, bet. Mason and Powell sts,
in 50 vara lot No 395; 20 by 75 feet. 2,200

49.—HOUSE and LOT on Priest st, commencing
57 ft 6 inches south of the south-west cor. of Wash-
ington and Priest sts; 20 feet by 60 feet. 1,900

50.—A splendid two story brick dwelling HOUSE
and LOT on Dupont st, commencing 153 feet 6 in.
north of the north-west corner of Dupont and Green-
wich sts, 21 ft 9 in. by 80 ft deep. 6,000

Total.....\$250,000

It is to be understood as a condition annexed to the sale
Shares in the above Association, that in case the prop-
erty mentioned in the above List of Prizes is not conveyed
to the respective winners of the same, free and clear from
all incumbrances thereon, then they are to receive in cash
the same amount that we were to pay the owner of the
property. In order also to assure the public of the good
faith of the Agents of this Association, and also prevent
any fraud in the management of the same, the aggregate
amount of said prizes will be deposited by us in the Bank-
ing Houses of LUCAS TURNER & CO. and B. DAVIDSON,
to order of each respective winner by name, who, on the en-
tirety of each respective winner by name, who, on the en-
tirety of said check will receive the deed of the prop-
erty mentioned in his respective Prize. And to prove, as
far as lies in our power, that this Association is all that we
have represented, we beg leave to add, that the above List
of Prizes is advertised only with the knowledge and by the
consent of every property owner, and that we are acting
as Agents for the Association.

A meeting of the Shareholders will be called a week
previous to the Drawing of the Prizes, to choose a com-
mittee to determine the mode of distribution, which will
take place on or before the 1st of May.

Plans of the above List of Prizes can be seen at the office
of the Association, where the public is most respectfully
invited.

BARBEAU & BARTLETT, Agents,
a7 185 Montgomery St. (Metropolitan Block)

Imperial Fire Insurance Co.,
LONDON.

ESTABLISHED IN 1803.

Cash Capital (\$8,000,000) Eight Millions.

Having been appointed Agents in California for the
above old established Company, the undersigned are re-
cognizing drawing public attention to the superior advan-
tages afforded by insuring in this office. These arise from
the fact that the Agents of this Company are vested with
full powers to grant policies, and to settle losses at once,
and without being obliged to forward the papers to
England for approval.

The Imperial Fire Insurance Company, having for many
years had Agencies established in India, China, Manila,
etc., have had great experience in foreign business, and the
instructions received from the Head Office evince a spirit
of liberality which will be appreciated by the inhabitants
of San Francisco.

The undersigned will be happy to supply insurers with
full particulars, upon application at their office.

FAULKNER, BELL & CO.,
a14 128 California street

MAISON DE SAUTE. PRIVATE INFIRMARY.

DRS. NOTT AND TUCKER HAVING OPENED THIS
establishment, situated on the Presidio Road (Pacific
street) one mile from the City Hall, are now ready to re-
ceive patients. The buildings, located on a 100 vara lot,
are complete with regard to neatness and comfort with the
addition of extensive bathing arrangements for

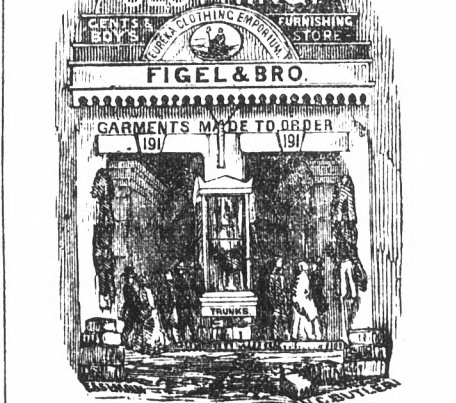
Hot, Cold, Vapor or Medicated Baths.
It will be the endeavor of the Proprietors to combine all
the comforts of a HOME with the advantages to invalids
of a quiet country residence, constant medical attention,
nursing, &c.

The fare will always be of the best quality.

TERMS.—Patients will be received at Three Dollars per
day, or Eighteen Dollars per week, payable in advance.
Private Rooms, Five Dollars per day, or Thirty Dollars per
week, in advance. For Surgical operations, and diseases,
extra charges will be made according to circumstances.

SEPARATE APARTMENTS FOR FEMALES, under
the charge of an experienced Matron,
French, Spanish, German and Italian spoken.

For further particulars, apply at the INFIRMARY, or to
either Drs. NOTT or TUCKER, at their office, No. 177 Wash-
ington street. Stages leave Kearny street, opposite the
Plaza, every hour, pass the door. No contagious or
infectious diseases admitted in this building. a14



WE HAVE ON HAND a large and splendid stock of
Clothing and Furnishing Goods, which will be
sold at a very low figure to make room for goods daily ex-
pected. Call before buying elsewhere.

FIGEL & BRO.,
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2,000 BOXES Window Glass assorted
sizes, for sale by **OLIVER & BUCKLEY.**

We have also now landing, ex. Telegraph, Charmer,
Golden City, Water Witch, and Saracen, large additions to
our former extensive stock of Paints. Also Varnish
Brushes, &c. &c. which we offer for sale at the lowest mar-
ket rates. PAINTS, OILS, AND WINDOW GLASS DEPOT.
Merchants Exchange Buildings,
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CIRCULAR.

BANKING HOUSE OF F. A. SEILLIERE.

PARIS, 31st December, 1854

I HAVE ESTABLISHED A BRANCH OF MY HOUSE IN
San Francisco, (California) under the name and style of
ABEL GUY.

Consequently my house in Paris is responsible for all
operations of its branch in San Francisco.

F. A. SEILLIERE.

BANKING HOUSE OF ABEL GUY,
Washington street,

Between Sansome and Battery.

I BEG TO INFORM MY FRIENDS, THAT I AM NOW
prepared to receive Deposits and to carry on a regular
Banking business in all